CLAIMS

I claim:

1. a general An improved shotgun shell carrier, comprising:

a rectangular housing sized to receive between 5 and 25 shotgun rounds double stacked, said housing having a front wall, a back wall, two side walls, an open end and an end closed by a sliding door;

a spring structure positioned within said housing between said sliding door and a magazine follower;

means formed within said housing adjacent said open end for receiving and securing a pair of opposing feeding lips in said open end of said housing;

each feeding lip having curved spring fingers separated by a finger slot and a flat portion for cooperating with said means for receiving and securing said pair of opposing feeding lips;

each side wall having an extension extending beyond said open end of said housing with an internal recess extending from

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a point adjacent said open end of said housing to a distal end of said sidewall, each extension further includes a beveled opening having a diameter slightly greater than the diameter of a shotgun shell;

a blocking member pivotally mounted within each said internal recess, said blocking member including a paddle portion, a neck portion and a ring-shaped portion having a diameter greater than the diameter of shotgun shells, said ring-shaped portion having a foot positioned to interfere with movement of a shotgun shell from said feeding lips of said carrier, each blocking member being pivotally attached at said neck portion to an extension; and

means on said sidewalls for securing carrier attaching elements.

2. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 1, wherein said housing is made of a durable high-strength composite plastic material.

3. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 2, wherein said spring means is a high-strength zigzag-type compression spring.

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4. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 3, wherein said magazine follower is formed of plastic material.

5. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 4, said feeding lips are formed of spring steel.

6. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 5, wherein said housing includes count holes along each sidewall.

7. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 6, wherein said means for securing carrier attaching elements comprises protrusions on the sidewalls of said housing having internally threaded metal inserts therein and knurled bolts having an aperture for receiving a cotter pin.

8. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 2, wherein said feeding lips are formed of spring steel.

9. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 8, wherein said housing includes count holes along each sidewall.

10. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 9, wherein said means for securing carrier attaching elements comprises protrusions on the sidewalls of said housing having internally

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threaded metal inserts therein and knurled bolts having apertures for receiving cotter pins.

11. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 10, wherein rigid strips are secured to said protrusions by said knurled bolts.

12. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 11, wherein said strips include attaching clips.

13. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 10, wherein an X-shaped bracket and a pair of crossbars are secured in an hourglass configuration to said protrusions by said knurled bolts.

14. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 13 wherein a Folbus-type paddle is adjustably secured to said X-shaped bracket.

15. An improved shotgun shell carrier, comprising:

a general rectangular housing sized to receive between 5 and 25 shotgun rounds double stacked, said housing having a front wall, a back wall, two side walls, an open end and an end closed by a sliding door, wherein said housing is made of a durable high-strength composite plastic material;

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a spring structure positioned within said housing between said sliding door and a magazine follower;

means formed within said housing adjacent said open end for receiving and securing a pair of opposing feeding lips in said open end of said housing;

each feeding lip having curved spring fingers separated by a finger slot and a spring portion for cooperating with said means for receiving and securing said pair of opposing feeding lips;

each side wall having an extension portion extending beyond said open end of said housing with an internal recess extending from a point on the side wall adjacent said open end of said housing to a distal end of said sidewall, each extension portion further including a beveled opening having a diameter slightly greater than the diameter of a shotgun shell;

a blocking member pivotally mounted within each said internal recess,, said blocking member including a paddle portion, a neck portion and a ring-shaped portion having a diameter greater than the diameter of shotgun shells, said ring-shaped portion having a foot positioned to interfere with

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movement of a shotgun shell from said feeding lips of said carrier, each blocking member being pivotally attached at said neck portion to an extension portion; and

means on said sidewalls for securing carrier attaching elements, said means for securing carrier attaching elements comprises protrusions on the sidewalls of said housing having internally threaded metal inserts therein and knurled bolts having apertures for receiving cotter pins.

16. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 15, wherein rigid strips are secured to said protrusions by said knurled bolts.

17. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 16, wherein said strips include attaching clips.

18. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 15, wherein an X-shaped bracket and a pair of crossbars are secured in an hourglass configuration to said protrusions by said knurled bolts.

19. The shotgun shell carrier of claim 18, wherein a Folbus-type paddle is adjustably secured to said X-shaped bracket.

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20. The shotgun shell carrier according to claim 15, wherein said means for receiving and securing a pair of opposing feeding lips in said open end of said housing comprises an elongated slot in said front wall and said back wall.

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